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Gift Suggestions



For Father--

Flash Lights
Gas Lanterns
Pocket Knives
Razor and Strop

For Mother--

Set of Dishes
Congoeum Rug
Aluminum Roaster
Coleman Lamps

For Boys and Girls--Sleds, Radio Sets,
Skates, Hockey Sticks and Pucks,
Harmonicas.

A. E. MICHAEL'S,
A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE.

Stony Plain and District.

Mr Vic Kellough, who runs the popular bus line to Edmonton, had the misfortune to have his feet badly frozen on Monday last while making a return trip.

On Saturday, Dec. 6th, to the wife of Val H. Hennig, a daughter.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, to the wife of Mr. Adolf Schoep, a son.

The Executive of the Athletic Association held a meeting Tuesday evening in the Secretary's office.

Mr John Kulak, the popular young school teacher, is now in charge of the school at Hay Lakes, with 48 pupils in regular attendance.

DIED—On Friday, December 5th, at the residence of his son (Mr Jacob J Ulmer), Mr Jacob Ulmer in his 82nd year. The funeral took place on Monday, Dec. 8, service conducted by Rev. E. E. Harhart. Interment in St. Matthew's churchyard.

At Mowasson, on Dec. 6th, Emily, the wife of Mr H H Akin, passed away after a lingering illness, in her 70th year.

Entertainment and Dance.

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL HOUSE
FRIDAY,
JAN. 9, 1925.
RADIO MUSIC.

A GOOD TIME ASSURED!

LOCAL NEWS.

Owing to the cold spell the concert and dance at Blueberry school has been postponed to Friday evening, Jan. the 10th.

Secretary Pidgeon was in Stony Plain on Saturday, collecting taxes for Inga M. D., and reports having had a very busy day.

Mr H D Laird spent the week-end with friends in the City.

Local Radio fans had another accession to their ranks last week, Mr John P Miller having received a four tube Kodak on Saturday and had it in running order that evening.

Mr R A Creath, who farms near Edmonton Beach, returned last week with his bride. The couple were married at the residence of the bride's parents, near Morden, Man.

You should hear the Westinghouse Radiophone at Oppertshauser's Hardware store.

There is every prospect of another tinsmith opening in Stony soon. Mr Joe Baron, formerly engaged in the business, is said to be looking for a location.

The sale of home cooking and other articles, on Saturday, to the ladies was a decided success, the sum of \$40 being cleared.

St Matthew pupils are preparing for the concert and entertainment at St Matthew's Church on Christmas Eve.

The raising of the poles for the electric light line is about completed, but the "juice" will not be turned on at the stores in time for the Christmas trade.

The services at the Anglican Church to have been held on Sunday were postponed, owing to the storm.

The newly-weds, Mr and Mrs Joe Miller, returned to Stony early Saturday morning, and were given a very hearty charivari by a crowd of their close friends who did not mind sitting up till after midnight. Another party of merry roysterers serenaded the couple again on Saturday evening, when the happy bridegroom did the honors, to the satisfaction of everyone.

At the annual meeting last week of the Stony Plain Agricultural Society W M Washburn was elected president; Hy Shellenberger was elected vice-president, and the board of directors was re-elected with the addition of George Bevington. The latter gentleman gave an address on the advantages to the farmer of joining the newly formed livestock pool.



Xmas Presents for Everybody!

For Dad—Warm Socks for best wear, Gloves, Ties, Neglige Shirts, Linen H'chiefs, Mufflers, Sweater, Footwear, Billfolds.

For Mother—A real Dinner Set or Tea Service (very special prices), Sweater, Gloves, Scarves, H'chiefs, Tea Trays, Winter Hats, Spats.

For the Kiddies—Toys, Dolls H'chiefs, Mitts, Toggles, Skating Boots.

Get It at HARDWICK'S.

CHRISTMAS GOODS I CARRY IN STOCK:

For your selection—Christmas Stationery, Juvenile Boxes in all styles. Christmas Candles in beautiful packages. Priced from 40c to \$5. Gift Kodaks and Kodak Albums with fine all leather covers. Fountain Pens and Eversharp Pencils. Hohner Mouth Organs—New up-to-the-minute assortment. Perfumes, Ivory Goods, Toilet Sets, Cigars, Cased Pipes, Playing Cards, Leather Purses and Bill Folds. Phonographs and Records. Christmas Cards and Booklets. Call and look over your goods over before buying elsewhere.

J. F. CLARKE, THE REXALL STORE
STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA.

A Few Suggestions for Christmas Presents

For the Lady of the House:

A Range, with Bonny Blue Cooking Utensils. Nickel-plated Tea Kettles, Tea & Coffee Pots. Aluminum Roasters, Double Boilers or Kettles. Silver Knives and Forks, Berry Spoons, Gravy Ladles, Pie Servers. Various sizes of Spoons. China Fruit Sets, New Style Glass Table Sets, Cut Glass.

For the Husband:

Foot Warmer, three styles. Razors—Gillette, Auto-Strop, Everready, King Cutter, Bidewells and Wade & Butcher. Razor Strops, Brushes, Soaps, Shaving Mugs and Mirrors, Pocket Knives.

For the Children:

Sleighs, Skates and Hockey Sticks, Mouth Organs, Checker & Cards, Toys, Child's Cup and Plate, Tool Sets, Toy Blackboards. See the Goods at

Oppertshauser's.

Prospects Are Bright

As the year draws to a close, and annual statements and reports of all kinds are in course of preparation, it is beginning to be understood that conditions throughout Canada have greatly improved during the twelve months, and further that all present indications point to this general betterment being maintained and increased during 1925.

Probably the most important factor leading to this improvement are the higher prices now prevailing for grain, and which are on a much higher level than a year ago. While the aggregate yield is considerably smaller than last year, the value of the 1924 crop is estimated to be approximately \$100,000,000 greater, and the cost of harvesting, threshing and marketing has been lowered. The net result is a substantial increase in the amount of money realized by the farmer, although, unfortunately, it is not as evenly distributed through all districts of the West as might be desired.

The effect, however, is a marked reduction in old outstanding liabilities. Scores of municipalities are reporting the wiping out of long overdue tax arrears and the closing up of the municipal balance sheet. Banks, mortgage and loan companies report the same good news, namely, the wiping out of old debts. Slowly, perhaps, but surely, all this money finds its way back into investment and productive channels. Capital is never allowed to long remain idle, but is put to work again as quickly as possible, and all the more rapidly when there is a general renewal of confidence and a feeling of hopefulness throughout the country.

Recent reports of trade activities reveal larger sales in many retail lines, showing that, in addition to liquidating old inventories, farmers are finding themselves in a position to now make purchases of needed articles but which they had to struggle along without during the past few years. As accumulated stocks of goods held by merchants are thus disposed of, and replenishment becomes necessary, a revival in industry will follow and unemployment decrease. Such a development is anticipated in all quarters during the coming year.

Further evidence of the general improvement taking place throughout Canada is found in the reports of the Department of Trade and Commerce. These reveal a steady increase in the volume and value of exports of Canadian products over imports from other countries. The adverse balance of trade of a few years ago has been overcome until now Canada's exports exceed its imports by over \$200,000,000. In other words, Canadians sold over \$100,000,000 more products to other countries this year than one year ago and bought nearly \$100,000,000 less.

Slowly but surely conditions are becoming more settled in Europe and throughout the world, and as all along been contended in the articles appearing in this column, it is only through a restoration of the buying power of foreign countries impoverished by the war, and a consequent demand for those products which Canada can supply on a large scale, and for which we must have foreign export markets, that prosperity can be established in this Dominion. Canada produces far more than it can itself consume, and if foreign markets are made to absorb and pay good prices for our surplus there must inevitably be stagnation and depression here.

It is especially gratifying, therefore, to learn that during the year Canada's exports to China virtually doubled; to Germany they nearly doubled; to Japan they increased by \$9,000,000; while to all parts of the British Empire they increased by over \$25,000,000 and by over \$7,000,000 to the United States. On the other hand, Canada bought \$46,000,000 less from the United States, thus improving our trade balance with our neighbors to the south to the extent of \$28,000,000 in one year.

These most conversant with international trade and commerce, and who are well informed on the trend of conditions the world over, hold the view that this betterment during the latest half of 1924 will continue well into the new year, and that, as a result, the outlook is most promising for a continuance of good prices, increased industrial and commercial activity, and a consequent lessening of unemployment.

A general agricultural, commercial and industrial betterment is bound to have a beneficial effect on the building trades, and forecasts appearing in trade journals throughout the country are favorable to a heavier building programme than for some years past.

From a purely Canadian standpoint, and especially from a Western standpoint, additional encouragement is to be found in the fact that in all quarters it is anticipated that 1925 will prove to be a record year in immigration to this country. And let it be remembered that the most prosperous era in Canada's history was during those years when immigration was in full tide towards Canada's shores.

Let Canadians continue to hang on and work unremittingly during the next few years, as they have done for the past few years in the face of many difficulties and discouragements, and they will reap the reward of the better times which are undoubtedly ahead.

Coolidge Sticks to Former Policy

No Membership in League and No Cancellation of Debts

President Coolidge, in his annual message to Congress, advised United States adherence to the League of Nations, and declared that the United States was not disposed to join the League of Nations, and repeated his declaration that the United States was opposed to any cancellation of debts due by foreign governments.

Between 500 and 1,000 lepers are believed to be at large in the United States.

Seeds Sprout After 100 Years

Michigan Agricultural College Hopes to Mature Water Lily Plants

Two century-old water lily seeds have sprouted at Michigan Agricultural College, to establish a world's record for the length of time that seeds of this class have lain and still possess life. Dr. R. A. Bessel, head of the M. A. C. botany department, said. The seeds were obtained from a Manchurian peat bed. It is hoped to place the mature plants of the water lily in the famous botanical gardens of the college.

Safety At Rail Crossings

A Good Rule For The Safety of Motorists

When approaching a grade crossing bring the automobile to a stop, then look in both directions, listening intently for the sound of an approaching train. If you have made sure there is no train approaching from either direction, proceed to cross the track—in low or second gear is the best way. To some people this instruction may seem absurd, but it might be said the 9,000 persons who have lost their lives at grade crossings did not stop to ascertain whether or not a train was approaching before proceeding to cross the tracks.

Nationalized Russia

Country in Desperate State Under Bolshevik Rule

After seven years of nationalization, Russia has a deficit of 400,000,000 roubles on a reduced budget, her school teachers are dying of hunger, half her villages are without shops, and her workmen are reduced to 40 per cent of their pre-war numbers. All this we know on the authority of Mr. Rykov, Lenin's successor, who told it to his Communist conference last May.—London Times.

COLOR IT NEW WITH

"DIAMOND DYES"

Beautiful home dyeing and tinting is guaranteed with Diamond Dyes. Just dip in cold water, stir, and wash. No hot, soft, delicate shades, or bold to dye rich, permanent colors. Each 15-cent package contains directions for simple any woman can dye or tint lingerie, silks, ribbons, skirts, walters, dresses, coats, stockings, sweaters, draperies, coverings, hangings, everything new.

Buy "Diamond Dyes"—at other kind—and tell your druggist whether the material you wish to color is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton, or mixed goods.

Telephone calls are numbered as they reach the exchanges in France. If a subscriber loses his temper and rattles the receiver-hook, his turn is placed at the end of the list.

An excellent protection against worms can be got in Miller's Worm Powders. They soothe the stomach and intestines unobtainable to them. They heal the surfaces that have become inflamed by the attacks of the parasites and serve to restore the strength of the child that has been undermined by the draughts of the worms. Made upon it, and that their operation is altogether health-giving.

Egypt's largest pyramid, that of Cheops of the Ziech group, contains 89,000,000 cubic feet of masonry, and the total weight of the stones has been estimated at more than 6,000,000 tons.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain. It will take the ache out of a bruise by counteracting the inflammation. A trial will convince any who doubt its power.

Japan Unduly Agitated

Visit of U.S. Fleet to Australia No Cause for Alarm

Commenting on the agitation in Tokyo over the visit of the United States battle fleet to Australia, the Melbourne Argus says Japan has no more ground for objection than the United States would have in the case of a Japanese fleet going to Melbourne.

The United States visit will be regarded by people of average perception rather as a guarantee of peace than a menace of war, the paper adds and the fleet is sure of a cordial welcome.

Scientists Going Around World. A seagoing vessel, equipped with scientific instruments and paraphernalia, is to be built for the German Society for the Knowledge of Foreign Countries. German scientists and scholars will make the ship their home, travel around the world, and perform research work.

Minard's Liniment for Colds

Annual Meeting of Bank of Montreal

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

The 17th annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was marked by interesting addresses by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

The President declared that he was satisfied "that general improvement in the trade situation is occurring. Statistical returns support this view, and while there is irregularity in the movement, in the main the trend is upward." After pointing out the gratifying growth of a favorable balance of trade, the President declared that he regarded this increase in Canada's foreign trade credit as "an augury of a not distant improvement in domestic business."

The President concluded his address with the following expression of confidence in the future of the country.

"My last word is a word of confidence and encouragement. The interests of your Bank are more closely bound up with those of Canada than ever before and unless Canada prospers, the Bank cannot expect the prosperity it should enjoy. I believe Canada will prosper. It offers inducements to immigrants vastly superior to those of other countries which are at present endeavoring to attract citizens. It is agricultural amongst the countries of the world in natural resources."

"If cardinal virtues must be practiced in hard work and economy, so often preached and seldom put into practice, and the need for immigration. Given these three things, I look forward with confidence to the future of the country."

ward with the utmost confidence to Canada's future."

Much to be Thankful For. Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the General Manager, in his address to the shareholders, said in part:

"The first thing I would say that there must be an end to the present apathy about public affairs. In my opinion, those who do not go to the trouble to register their vote in municipal, provincial, and federal affairs should be penalized in some form for their indifference."

"We all know that apart from the cost and effects of the war Canada's troubles are the accumulated result of what may be termed in mild and temperate language imprudence in affairs. Good government is a hard problem in any country. No government can move faster in these matters than public opinion will permit, and upon the people lies the responsibility of voting for economy."

"We, in Canada, have much to be thankful for. If this were a poor country, our way would be a bad one, but we have riches in our forests, our fields, our fisheries, and in our minerals, and we have a vast water power, and in the industry and ambition of our people."

"If Canada were a private business enterprise the situation would present no great difficulty, for we are solvent, with very little liability in excess of our liabilities; and a way would be found by following the obvious course of cutting down expenses and increasing a sane, capable and industrious people, putting our house in order."

Success With Alfalfa

By Jas. D. McGregor, Glenora, Manitoba

When seeding alfalfa use only Grimm and Baltic seed. This seed can be procured in Western Canada, and while more expensive than the other varieties, is the cheapest in the end. We have tried the other varieties, and always found that they winter-killed after the first or second year.

Be sure to inoculate the seed. This is important. Alfalfa culture for inoculation can be procured from the Manitoba Agricultural College (Bacteriology Department) at a very small cost and is absolutely necessary for a good stand. Do not attempt to grow alfalfa either on sloth or land where there frequently lies for considerable time of it will partially, if not wholly, be killed out after the water disappears.

Alfalfa will grow well on sands, loams or clay.

As I have a question of cultivation, thin soil, as land must be thoroughly worked up, giving it a final weed-killing, harrowing right before seeding.

Generally, wheat land will make excellent alfalfa soil, unless it happens to be under a very hard pan. Summerfallow is the ideal land, or land on which cultivated, plowed or hard crops have been grown.

Alfalfa may be seeded as early as the small grains with very little danger of frost damage or frost.

Early spring seeding has the advantage of getting such a start as to better hold its own against weeds, and is certain to become well established before winter.

There is no best time at which it may be said alfalfa should be seeded, but it is probable that better results will be obtained by seeding early, before weeds have started, or by giving the land one or more cultivations before seeding.

It is not advisable to seed the alfalfa unless the soil contains sufficient moisture to insure prompt germination. The seed is much better off in the sack than in dry soil.

Alfalfa can either be sown alone or with a nurse crop. Any of the small grains may be used satisfactorily as a nurse crop, but Marquis wheat has given us the best results as it grows less foliage and is less likely to lodge than any of the other grains. Being early, it gives the alfalfa a longer time to grow before frost after the wheat is harvested. One-fourth to one-half less seed should be sown as a nurse crop. We have had the best results, however, by preparing the land carefully, manuring and sowing the alfalfa alone.

(To be continued)

Profit on Manitoba Telephones

For the fiscal year ended November 30 the Manitoba telephone system shows a net profit of approximately \$50,000. In 1921 this public utility showed a deficit of \$28,500.

The Mittus, an agricultural tribe living on the upper Nile, are the most mischievous of savage races.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House

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Crossword Puzzle By Radio

Sent By Daily News From London to New York

Just to further direct the puzzle-wracked brains of the American public, the London Daily News has sent by photo-radiogram a crossword puzzle direct from London to New York.

The diagram only was transmitted by photo-radiogram, while the numbers and synopses were sent by radiogram. The solution of the British baffler was transmitted later.

TOO WEAK TO WALK

The Sad Condition of a Canadian Lady

—How Relief Came

"I owe my present good health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," says Mrs. Annie Treherne, Brandon, Man., who tells of her new-found health as follows: "Some years ago I had an attack of pneumonia and it left me in a terribly weakened and run-down state. I was unable to walk for a long time as I had practically lost the use of my legs, and had to be carried upstairs, for I had not the strength to go myself. I became dependent upon my condition for I had tried many remedies, which failed to help me. While in this weakened condition a lady friend urged me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and I procured a supply. After taking the pills for a while I could see that I was getting stronger, and I gladly continued them until I had fully regained my old-time health and vigor. Now if I feel at all run-down at any time, I at once take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they never fail me. I can therefore warmly recommend them to others who may be run-down."

There is no better tonic than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to improve the blood and bring back strength after acute diseases such as fevers, pneumonia, influenza, etc. Given a fair trial they will not disappoint you. You can get the full story of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills by mail at 50 cents a box by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Santa Cruz Island, one of the Santa Barbara channel group, is denied the possession of a school district, because there are no children on the island, which supports immense flocks of sheep and goats.

Many people are almost crippled with corns. But it is needless suffering which can be speedily ended with Dr. Hollway's Corn Remover.

Arabian women go to war with their men, but they are not permitted to share in the plunder. Neither may they be slain except by accident.

YOU'VE TRIED THE BEST. NOW TRY THE BEST.

NEWCASTLE COAL

ALWAYS SUITS, NEVER SODS

There is a dealer handling Newcastle coal in every town in Western Canada. Look for him.

Children Cry for



Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER—Fletcher's Castoria is especially prepared to relieve Infants in arms and Children all ages of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and, by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving natural sleep.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*. Absolutely Harmless—No Opium. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

Tons Of Potential Fertilizer Go To Waste In Straw Stacks Annually Burned By Farmers

In huge mounds of straw, dotting the stubble on either side of the railroad tracks for hundreds of miles, are tons of potential fertilizer. The big stacks, which in the ordinary course of events will be shortly burned as the easiest means of disposal, served as an object lesson for many members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, who recently passed through the prairie belt.

Great Britain has been operating for three years a successful process for making available the nutrients in wheat straw, and more farmers each year are capturing the humus stolen from the soil by the worthless straw, and are utilizing it for the production of more kernels of wheat. Why should the process not be introduced in Western Canada? Those who are familiar with it can see no possible objection.

The English technique was an offshoot of research of 18 years in question on soil micro-organisms at the Harpenden, Hertfordshire, Eng., and was carried out under the guidance of Sir John Russell, the director, who has completed a tour of the western provinces with the British Association.

In discussing the straw problem, Sir John made the following observation: "The problem is the utilization of the straw is to decompose it so that the humus of the soil is freed again. The method which we were able to develop was a consequence of an investigation of the changes which take place in the decomposition of straw in the farmyard manure heap. As nearly as we can tell by chemical analysis, the artificial process duplicates the natural decay of the manure, and the product cannot be distinguished from the original humus of the soil."

Farmers have known for some time that raw straw is worse than useless as a fertilizer. Sir John pointed out. The Rothamsted workers placed this observation on a quantitative basis, however, and they found that crops were actually diminished when untreated straw was ploughed into the ground. "This is because the soil organisms decompose the straw, but in order to accomplish this breakdown, they absorb plant food, thereby robbing the grain of some of its nourishment," the scientist explained. "The bacteria absorb nitrates in particular. Appreciation of this fact suggested a solution of the difficulty. The microbes are fed the nitrogen separately, they break up the straw, freeing the original humus, and this can then be put back into the ground."

The procedure adopted consists in building stacks by mixing with each ton of straw a few pounds of sulphate of ammonia, relatively inexpensive, and calcium carbonate, cheaply acquired as powdered limestone, marble or chalk. The ammonia supplies the nitrogen factor, and the carbonate prevents the mixture from becoming so acid that the bacteria will not work.

"In from two to three weeks, with the English climate, we find that the straw has returned to humus," Sir John stated. "No inoculation is necessary. There are enough germs in the dirt mixed with the straw to start the process off. When the resultant mixture was tested by using it to fertilize a field of potatoes, a crop was obtained practically the equivalent of the straw mixed with humus, as the added food. Similar results are obtained in using the product to replenish the humus of the soil in between successive crops of wheat."

"Burning is a wasteful way of disposing of straw," Sir John continued. "Other Dominions are inquiring into the process and I can see no reason why it should not be tested here. Sufficient time elapses between the dispatch of the harvest and the coming of cold weather unfavorable to the growth of the organisms, to permit the fermentation of the straw."

Burning of straw stacks is distinctly harmful to the soil in view of the fact that it destroys the humus in the surrounding soil. It was pointed out by Dr. H. E. Howe, Washington, D.C., chemist, who performed some of the first experiments on the use of straw for paper manufacture. A field exists for wheat straw in the paper industry, in Dr. Howe's opinion. "The material has been studied sufficiently

to make the mixture with sawdust practicable, he said. "Perhaps straw could be briquetted and used for fuel," he further suggested.

Need To Learn Thrift

Generally Speaking Canadians Do Not Know Meaning Of Word

Most Canadians need to learn thrift. As a rule they do not know the meaning of the word. The Germans, the Swedes, the Danes, the French, including the French-Canadians, the Belgians, the Norwegians and the Scotch, know well the meaning of thrift, and exercise it to their comfort and for national prosperity.

Where there is thrift there is a minimum of poverty. Thrift keeps people out of debt. It teaches people how to make the most of everything and it teaches them not to buy what they cannot pay for. In Canada there are tens of thousands of people in debt for luxuries. An insatiable ambition to rival other people results in misery. Debt for luxuries has only one end—discomfort, worry and general unhappiness.—Montreal Star.

Canadian Butter Industry

Dairy Products Have Good Reputation and Market Is Expanding

The market expansion in the Canadian butter industry is remarkable. In 1915 the total amount of butter exported by the Dominion amounted to 2,724,013 pounds, worth \$539,665; the export for 1923 was 2,584,576 pounds, valued at \$824,133. An indication of next year's increase may be gathered from the figures for August, 1924, which showed an export valued at \$852,539, as against that of August, 1923, which was valued at \$628,356. These figures that will bring with them a feeling of satisfaction and of pride. Canadian butter and other dairy products have a good reputation, and one that can be well maintained in a country as eminently adapted to agricultural development as is the Dominion.

Canada's Wheat Production

Has Increased Production By 106 Per Cent In Past Decade

Canada supplied 46 per cent. of the world's increase in wheat production that took place between the years 1913 and 1923, inclusive. This figure is exclusive of Russia. In 1913 the world's wheat production was 3,919,000,000 bushels and in 1923 it was 5,892,000,000 bushels. In 1913, Canada produced 231,700,000 bushels of wheat and in 1923 about 475,000,000 bushels. While the whole world increased its wheat production by 14 per cent., Canada increased hers by 106 per cent.

Vancouver Grain Port

Over Five Million Bushels Shipped In Four Months

Grain shipments from Vancouver during the crop year commencing August 1st, 1924, to October 31st, amounted to 5,301,776 bushels, as compared with 2,516,752 during the corresponding period a year ago. Of the quantity shipped during August to October, 1924, 4,448,911 bushels were dispatched to the United Kingdom and continent, 471,123 to the Orient, 152,583 to South America and 228,160 to New Zealand.

Indifferent Three Million

Of 4,600,000 veterans of the world war who are entitled to a cash or insurance bonus under the law enacted several months ago, only 1,500,000 have made application to Washington. The machinery exists to handle 30,000 applications a day.—Buffalo Express.

Freight Rates Forbid

Just when we thought we had a sugar industry located in the southern part of the province, with unlimited possibilities, now we find that the freight rates interfere, and the end will likely come before the beginning. So there you are.—Calgary Alberta.

Her Furtive Look

Salesman: "I'm suspicious of that woman; she seems furtive." Floorwalker: "Well, keep your eye on the fur."

Canada Has Best Fisheries in World

Fifty Per Cent. of Freshwater Fishing Belongs to Dominion

"Figures show that the Canadian people are not a nation of heavy fish eaters," said D. Gardiner, addressing the Regina Rotary Club on national fish week. "The Canadian fishing industry is one of the biggest in the world, and the average value of the catch is \$85,000,000. The Canadian fisheries are the best in the world and over 60 per cent. of the freshwater fishing territory in the world belongs to the Dominion."

Mr. Gardiner stated that the northern waters produced the best kinds of fish, as they were more active. The Canadian fish were practically all caught within ten miles of shore and at less expense than on the shoals further removed from land.

Manufacture Of Caviar

A New Industry May Be Established In B.C.

British Columbia may have a new industry next year. This will assist the fish canning concerns to some extent. This will be the manufacture of caviar. Russians, who recently arrived in Canada, were astounded to learn that the canned salmon industry of British Columbia had no returns from by-products. They are endeavoring to interest a number of financiers in British Columbia in financing a caviar manufacturing plant that may find work for expert Russian caviar handlers as well as benefit the canned salmon industry of the province.

Tree Planting In West

Since 1905 Total of 150,000,000 Has Distributed Free

Trees at the rate of 20,000 a day have been planted by farmers of Western Canada in the last 20 years, according to a report of the department of agriculture.

A total of 150,000,000 young trees, the report shows, have been distributed free to farmers in that section since 1905. Early maturing varieties suited to climatic conditions were supplied.

The government's tree planting campaign was planned to transform the landscape of the prairie provinces.

A Mountain Of Grain

Grain Marketed Over C.P.R. Reaches Huge Proportions

A mountain of grain, towering 4,719 feet into the air and spread over an area of two acres in size, would be the tremendous pile resulting from the dumping in one place of all the grain marketed in Canadian Pacific Railway Districts, if such dumping could take place. For instance, 25,454,511 bushels of Saskatchewan, 45,480,177 bushels of Alberta, 31,716,748 bushels.

Mineral Production In B.C.

A Record Year Shown in the History Of This Industry

With the continuation of the present rate of mineral production to the end of the year, British Columbia's output for 1924 will amount in value to approximately \$50,000,000. This is \$9,000,000 more than last year and constitutes the record year in the history of the industry. There appears to be an increase in all metallic products. Coal and coke show a decrease owing to strikes.

Missionaries Reported Safe

Misses Elizabeth Berling and Ingeborg Nystul, United States women attached to the Augustana Synod Mission at Juchow, Honan province, who were reported missing after Chinese bandits captured that town, are reported to have remained at Juchow. All other foreigners who were in Juchow at the time escaped to Kihai-shan, 25 miles away.

What Honesty Is

A man who is known, shall we say, as being slightly on the warm side in monetary matters, was asked by his small son, "What is honesty, papa?" "Well," answered the parent, "supposing I sent you to the bank to cash a check for \$50 and the cashier handed over \$60 by mistake. If I gave my partner \$60, that is honesty?" Exchange.

Everbroke

"Yes, sir, the doctors gave me up a year ago." "Pshaw!" "So did all your other creditors."

Issues Warning To Farmers And Others Against Risking Savings In Securities Of Doubtful Value

Calgary's Natural Gas Supply

City Is Receiving Supply Through 221 Miles of Pipe Line

They do things in a large way on the prairies, says the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior. Calgary has just completed an addition to its natural gas supply from the Foremost gas field. To make this gas available required a trench 32 miles in length. Into this trench a ten-inch pipe was laid. There are 8,500 lengths of the pipe, each 20 feet long. The pipe was made at Welland, Ontario, and weighed 2,500 tons. Calgary is now receiving its natural gas supply through 221 miles of pipe line. The four gas wells at Foremost can supply 40 million cubic feet per day; more than double Calgary's present consumption. Canadians not so fortunately situated with regard to a fuel supply can hardly appreciate the advantages of having a gas supply for both cooking and heating purposes.

Anxious To Hear About Canada

Some of the Difficulties of Emigration Propaganda in the Hebrides

The difficulties attending Canadian emigration propaganda in the Hebrides is illustrated by a recent incident. Owing to heavy seas the Canadian emigration agent had difficulty in crossing from the mainland to South Uist, the crossing being hazardous as well as difficult, and by the time he crossed there was little opportunity for giving notice of the meeting he wished to hold.

Thereupon, children were asked to give notice and they did so in the surrounding hamlets with such good effect that in a few hours the meeting was held with 50 adults present. Many of these had walked five miles to be present to hear of the advantages Canada offered to the Hebrideans as settlers in the Dominion.

Farming Prospects Better

Improvement in Agriculture Noted in U.S. Dept. Report

Still further improvement in agriculture for next year, with an increase in gross income for farmers of \$200,000,000 over last year, is predicted in the annual report of the U.S. department of agriculture, signed by the late Secretary Wallace and transmitted to the president by Secretary of Agriculture Charles D. Ickes.

Prospects are that the gross income from agricultural products in the United States for the crop year 1924-25 may reach approximately \$12,000,000,000, compared with \$11,500,000,000 in 1923-24, and \$10,500,000,000 in 1921-22, the report states.

Fears Oil Shortage

Says There Is Prodigal Waste of Oil In U.S.

There is "prodigal waste of oil" in the United States, Dr. Julian D. Sears declared in an address before the American Society of Mechanical Engineering at New York. Statistics for 1924, when completed, he said would show a demand for crude oil totalling 803,000,000 barrels. Imports will be about the same as last year, but domestic production will show a drop of twelve to twenty-million barrels. He declared present methods of production and use of oil were inefficient.

A New Fuel

Stove distillate is the name of a new fuel for domestic use that has made its appearance on the Lethbridge market. The fuel is being put out by the Albert Refining Company at Oatton, and along with the new fuel they are marketing a burner specially built for the distillate.

Grow Sugar Beets in Manitoba

To test the possibilities of Winnipeg area in growing sugar beets, experimental plots will be tried and as many farmers as possible will be asked to devote one acre to tests. These tests are preliminary to the establishment of a sugar beet factory here.

In Japan, where there is less than 3 per cent. literacy, all the children go to school.

During the Victory Loan campaign very many farmers and others who had never previously purchased securities of any kind were induced to invest their savings in Victory Bonds. Behind the Victory Bonds, the entire wealth of Canada stood, and the bonds were absolutely guaranteed.

It is an unfortunate condition that there are always in Canada, as in almost every country, many high pressure salesmen of what are doubtful securities, and which are represented as earning large interest returns. Such salesmen are constantly descending upon farmers and others in an effort to unload their doubtful stocks and bonds.

A Canadian financial paper has issued a warning to investors against parting with their money. It says: "Don't listen to the table of sure profits and the snare at the sure ways of amazing a competence. They are after your money for what is in it for them, and it would be better for you to follow your own judgment than to listen to them. Fortify your judgment by consulting reputable bond houses, or your banker."

Monseigneur Choquette, one of Quebec's outstanding church dignitaries, after seeing the distress that has been caused to many farmers and others through the loss of their life savings, has this to say of such stock savings: "Few days pass when farmers, young and old, are not asked to take part in financial concerns, in speculations which dangle untold riches before their longing eyes. The agents are clever and persevering. They have a thousand strings to their bow. Town lots, mining claims, natural gas and oil wells, patents, are all means of enticement, all the more alluring since the risk which accompanies them, is hidden more or less honestly under the name of some matter of finance, or by an advertisement cleverly inserted in a conspicuous place in a newspaper of wide circulation. It is a veritable plague, a scourge. One must live in the country to hear the walls of the victims, to grasp the whole situation. I do not think I exaggerate when I declare that in the country where I live, \$100,000 and more has been thrown away by our farmers. Some of these, seized by a fatal frenzy, have not hesitated to sell their beautiful farms, their heritage received from their forefathers, in order to barter the value for a scrap of paper which guaranteed them the ownership neither of an inch of land nor an ounce of silver."

A Canadian rural population is one of Canada's most valuable resources, says the natural resources intelligence service of the department of the interior. These warnings issued by those who are in a position to know, should be taken to heart by those who have had their Victory Bonds redeemed and by others who have their savings to invest. Consult your banker before signing any agreement to purchase shares. It is better to be sure than sorry.

Alberta Agricultural Schools

Larger Attendance Shown This Year Than Ever Before

Attendance at the agricultural schools of Alberta this year shows a considerable increase over last year. The attendance at the Olds School of Agriculture this term has reached 132. The attendance last year was 122. Students at the agricultural school at Claresholm now number 78, with 40 more to come, compared with a total attendance last term of 70. At Vermilion school there are now 50 British youths in attendance.

The Smallest Industry

The tiniest industry is the making of stamens which pick out certain baits in human tissue when inspected through a microscope. A ton of these dyes would meet the demand for about a century.

Grain From Peace River

Shipments of grain over the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway this fall total close to half a million bushels.

An efficient wife can make up the beds, the children's quarters, and her husband's mind.

WILL NOT DISCUSS EGYPT'S CASE AT LEAGUE MEETING

Rome.—That an agreement has been reached not to discuss the Anglo-Egyptian conflict at the present council meeting of the League of Nations was indicated by Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, who, in receiving the British correspondents, said that it seemed very unlikely any of his colleagues in the council would ask for information concerning Egypt.

For his part, the foreign secretary said he would not volunteer to speak on the question because it does not fall within the range of matters covered by the league's covenant, and because it contains no danger to peace of the world.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the future policy of Great Britain in Egypt would be based on the carrying out of direct obligations to the people of the Sudan, the protection of British rights, and not only the protection of vital interests of the British Empire, but also the interests of the entire world.

Mr. Chamberlain expressed gratification at the nature of his reception by the Pope, adding that they had talked about British Empire, although not about the affairs of the world.

Touching on the general aspect of his visit abroad, Mr. Chamberlain said that the primary governing motive of the trip was to emphasize the attitude of the new British Government to the league, and place that attitude beyond dispute, also to get in touch with the French and Italian points of view. He added that his visits with Premier Herriot in Paris and with Premier Mussolini in Rome had fully answered his expectations.

Invited Prince To Visit South America

President Extended Invitation While in London in 1922

Buenos Aires.—The Prince of Wales proposed visit here next year, it is stated in official quarters, is in response to an invitation extended by President De Alvar, while he was in London, in 1922, before his inauguration. It is pointed out also that the visit will coincide with the celebration of the centenary of the first treaty of amity and commerce concluded between the countries.

The official programme of entertainment for the Prince has not been completed, but it is understood that it will include visits to some of the principal ranches and polo pony breeding establishments in the country.

The possibility is indicated that the Prince of Wales may also visit other South American countries, such as Uruguay and Chile.

Waitresses Out Of Work

Closing of Wembley Exhibition Solves Domestic Servant Problem

London.—When the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley closed its gates recently, it was announced that 17,403,119 persons had visited this Empire in miniature since its opening last May.

The closing has, at least temporarily, relieved the domestic servant problem of London by throwing out of work some 3,000 waitresses. The girls have been unable to find employment in the city restaurants, and in most cases have been sent to private homes.

Must Pay War Debts

Creditors in Europe Must Pay Britain If They Pay Others

London.—Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer, standing in the House of Commons to the Franco-American war debt conversations, said the government would consider it essential that any payments made by Great Britain's creditors in Europe to their creditors in the United States, should be accompanied simultaneously by proportionate payments to Great Britain.

Admiral Jellicoe Retires

London.—The admiralty announced the retirement of Admiral Lord Jellicoe, effective on December 5th last, his sixty-fifth birthday.

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Western Editors



Granville H. Pickup, Editor and Manager of The Canwood Times, Canwood, Sask.

Build U.S. Navy To Compete With Britain

Washington.—Cruiser for cruiser, and submarine for submarine, the United States must build in competition with Great Britain on a five to three ratio of superiority over Japan if the Washington treaty 5-5-3 ratio of naval strength is to be maintained, Secretary of War Wilbur has informed the House sub-committee on naval appropriations. The secretary submitted a rounded building programme advocated by the general board, details of which have not been revealed, but which includes light cruisers of the 10,000-ton type, fleet submarines, destroyer leaders, and other auxiliary craft tonnage which is not limited by the treaty.

Britain's Bill For Food

Sixty Per Cent. of Total Expenditure Is On Foodstuffs

London.—Practically 60 per cent. of Great Britain's total expenditure is on foodstuffs, according to the statement of a witness today at the first sitting of the royal commission on food prices, of which Sir Ascham Geddies is chairman. The witness quoted statistics showing that the aggregate value of the food of all kinds consumed in this country at the stage in which the food reaches the consumer is from £1,350,000,000 to £1,400,000,000 per annum.

Chairman Geddies announced that the commission would investigate the various trades, one by one, and would issue interim reports thereon as rapidly as possible, though some time must elapse before the first report could be made.

Optimistic For Future Of Sheep Industry

Livestock Commissioner Emphasizes Present Time Value to Farmers

Winnipeg.—With the high prices obtainable for wool and mutton at the present time and the likelihood of them continuing for some time to come, H. H. Arkell, federal livestock commissioner, is optimistic for the future of the agriculturist who includes a flock of sheep among his livestock, and in an interview here stressed the importance of more farmers, especially in the west, taking up this branch of the industry.

Saskatchewan Resources

Province to Fight for Return of Birthright to Province

Regina.—Saskatchewan's claim on the Dominion authorities for the return of the natural resources to the province is not to be lost sight of by the legislature this year.

W. H. McKinnon (Government, Wadaca), gave notice of his intention to move a resolution, stating the Saskatchewan Government "should continue to urge upon the Government of Canada the necessity of arranging for the transfer to the province of the public domain within the limits without further delay."

First "Beam" Station

London.—The site of the first beam station in the British Empire has been chosen. It is near Dorchester, Dorsetshire county.

Opening of Parliament

Forthcoming Session May Not Start Until February

Ottawa.—January 22, as the approximate date for the opening of parliament, now appears to be too early an estimate. January 29, or even the first week in February, appears to be more likely as the time for the opening ceremonies. The later dates are more probable in view of the fact that the cabinet has not yet commenced the estimates for 1925. Last year parliament met on February 25, and in the previous year at the end of January.

Premier King has intimated that it will likely be at the February before parliament gets down to work. In this case the official opening would take place on Thursday, January 29, followed by the customary weekend adjournment until Monday, February 3, when the debate on the speech from the throne would commence. The summoning of parliament is always announced in the Canada Gazette one month before the actual date.

Australian Pact

Not Yet Ratified

Matter Rests Until Canadian Parliament Meets Next Year

Ottawa.—Ratification of the Canadian-Australian treaty will not likely occur in Canada until the Dominion Parliament has formally adopted the treaty in toto. Much of the treaty has already been accepted by the Dominion Government and the Dominion Parliament is able to give to it at once, or as much of it as it is empowered to do, following the adoption of the treaty in the Parliament of the Commonwealth. There have been a few additions to the treaty proposals, however, since the last session involving changes in the general tariff which will have to receive the assent of the Canadian Parliament. The Australian Government having signified that it would prefer to have the whole treaty ratified at once in Canada, the matter rests so far as Canada is concerned, until parliament meets early next year.

Egyptian Situation Clearing

No Need for Pessimism Now Declares New Premier

Cairo.—"The situation does not warrant pessimism," Premier Ziwari Pasha is quoted as declaring in an interview granted to Italian newspapermen.

Negotiations, he said, were proceeding between the British and Egyptian Governments on the question of protection for foreign interests, and he hoped that matters would take a normal course in the near future.

The premier declared there were indications of the British Government's good intentions and the fact that King Fuad had nominated Sir Geoffrey Archer as governor-general of the Sudan showed that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement in that territory was being respected.

Drastic Rule For B.C. Motorists

Change in Act to Provide Greater Safety For Public

Victoria.—Drastic changes in the Motor Vehicles Act have been adopted by the Provincial Legislature, with a view to bringing about a condition of greater safety on the streets and highways of the province. The house has decided to eliminate all reference to specific limits from the act and to require motorists to drive their cars in such manner as to avoid menace to public safety.

Every driver of a car must possess a license. Upon three convictions for offences under the act a driver will lose his or her license, either by suspension or cancellation.

Millerand Favors Entente

Brussels.—Former Premier Millerand of France, in the course of a lecture here, declared that a close entente of Great Britain, Belgium and France was necessary to preserve the peace of Europe as Germany's attitude showed she was impatient.

New German Ambassador to U.S.

Berlin.—Baron Ago von Malstein is reported to have been declared acceptable by the Washington Government as German ambassador to the United States to succeed Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

Wins Peace Prize



VISCOUNT CECIL who is the winner of the first award made under the Woodrow Wilson foundation of \$25,000 for the advancement of peace.

May Form A Coarse Grain Pool In Manitoba

Winnipeg.—Preparations for the formation of a coarse grain pool, similar to the Manitoba wheat pool, will be discussed at a meeting of directors and members of the provincial organization here shortly. The board of directors of the Manitoba pool adopted the following resolution: "The board of directors hereby declares itself in favor of the principle of a coarse grain pool to provide for the co-operative marketing of oats, barley, rye and flax, and records its belief that steps should be taken to put it into effect with a view to commencing with the 1925 crop."

Anti-Oriental Bill

Would Bar Orientals From Work With Whites In B.C.

Victoria, B.C.—Notice of a new bill to prevent the employment of Orientals and white girls together in the homes of this province was given by Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, Liberal, Vancouver. Mrs. Smith's move follows a vigorous agitation by the Vancouver Scottish Societies as a sequel to the Janet Smith case. The new bill is an amendment to the "Women's and Girls' Protection Act," which she successfully piloted through the house last year and which prevents employment of Orientals and white women together in restaurants. Scottish societies' representatives have been here for several days pressing for the passage of the new anti-Oriental law.

B.C. Liquor Ruling

No Compulsory Jail Sentence For First Offence for Selling Liquor

Victoria, B.C.—In future there will be no compulsory jail sentence for first offence in the sale of liquor in British Columbia, but fines from \$500 to \$1,000 will be imposed, with the alternative of a prison sentence of from six to 12 months, according to amendments to the Liquor Act introduced in the legislature by Attorney-General Hanson. For second offences there will be prison terms of from 12 to 21 months.

Mothers' pensions hereafter will be paid out of liquor profits. Distribution of profits to municipalities which receive 25 per cent. with 15 per cent. to hospitals, in future will be based on school population, and not on the census.

Unnecessary Scrapping Of Ships

"Sentimental Hysteria" Has Put U.S. Navy Back Says Shearer

New York.—William B. Shearer, naval expert and inventor of torpedo and amphibian tanks, said before the board of directors of the National Security League, at the Bankers' Club, that the United States "sentimental hysteria" for scrapping naval armaments, had left her at the tail-end of a 5-3-1 ratio, instead of on a par with Great Britain, according to the 5-5-3 treaty.

GAMBLING AT EXHIBITIONS IS TO BE OPPOSED

Ottawa.—The question of whether or not religious and charitable organizations should be allowed to operate a gambling device at business and sales when such a device was barred at fall fairs and exhibitions under the law, arose when a delegation headed by J. G. Shearer, head of the Social Service Council of Canada, interviewed the premier and members of the government. The delegation came to protest against the government accepting a suggested amendment from the Canadian Exhibitions Association under which wheels of fortune and other gambling devices would be permitted at all fairs.

Hon. W. R. Matherwell, minister of agriculture, brought up the question of the use of wheels of fortune at church bazaar and said why they should be allowed there if they were not permitted at the exhibitions. The reply of the delegation was that the churches would prefer not to have any exception made in their favor, under the Criminal Code. If it was to be broadened to include fall fairs, it was pointed out, however, that fall exhibitions could hardly be classed as either charitable or religious.

It was also requested that the business of race track betting be made a criminal offence and that the publication of racing tips and odds be forbidden.

Premier King promised the delegation that when they suggested amendment to the Canadian Exhibitions Association came before the cabinet, the representations in opposition of it would receive the fullest consideration.

Saskatchewan Liquor Bill

Measure Vigorously Defended in the House by Premier Dunning

Regina.—Following a vigorous defence of the government's policy in relation to the Saskatchewan liquor bill in the legislature by Premier Dunning, the measure was given its second reading without a division.

"Government control" was not a new thing in Western Canada, Mr. Dunning pointed out, "but since the earliest times the people had recognized the necessity for controlling the liquor traffic."

"The tremendous private gains made possible by supplying a popular appetite renders the liquor traffic a menace to the free institutions of any country," he declared.

"The government monopoly of the sale of alcoholic liquor had never been given a fair trial in Saskatchewan. Extreme prohibition sentiment and war fever had combined to prevent that system being given a fair trial."

Mr. Dunning warned the moderates not to push the pendulum of moderation too far in their day of power as the prohibitionists had done.

Germany Building Cruiser

First Ship of 'New Fleet' Nearing Completion at Kiel

Kiel, Germany.—The first German man of war constructed since the Great War is nearing completion here. It is a small cruiser of 6,000 tons, and is to be launched in the spring. For the present it is unnamed, being designated by the letter "A."

The cruiser will have a speed of 29 knots, will be armed with eight 15 centimetre guns, all placed amidships and will use both oil and coal for fuel.

Under the Versailles Treaty, the German navy is limited to six ships of the line, six small cruisers, twelve destroyers, and twelve torpedo boats. The cruisers now in service all date to 1900 and are admittedly obsolete.

Peter Veregin, Jr., Elected

Nelson, B.C.—Peter Veregin, Jr., was, at the grave of his father, the late Peter Veregin, elected both spiritual and temporal leader of the Doukhobors, by the thousands of voting members of the sect and society at a meeting here.

War Minister Trotsky Ill

Moscow.—It is announced that War Minister Trotsky has been suffering for four weeks from a fever following an attack of influenza, and that it is imperative that he depart for water cure at some resort situated in a milder climate.

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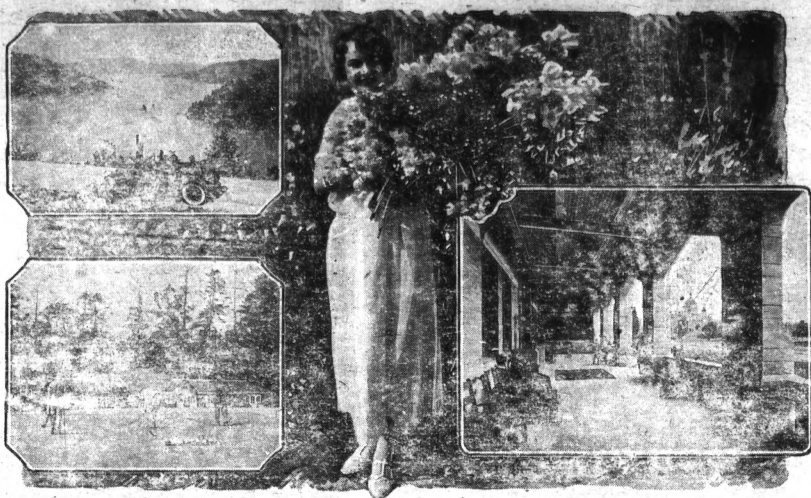
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In the Empress Hotel Gardens. At the top, inset, a view of the Malahat drive. Below, one of the many public golf courses for which Victoria is famous and at the right a photograph taken from the veranda of the Empress Hotel with a glimpse of the Parliament Buildings through the columns.

Famed for a mild, equable climate, a scenic setting equalled to the choicest English beauty spots, a resemblance which has led to the appellation of "A Little Bit of Old England" and the up-to-date-ness of a modern western city has combined to make Victoria, the Evergreen City, one of the principal tourist cities of the North Pacific coast throughout the entire year.

Victoria, which with its suburbs has a population of 60,000, is also the capital of British Columbia, the legislative buildings forming an attractive picture for the new arrival disembarking in the inner harbor. The city, located on the southeast extremity of Vancouver Island, is practically in the same latitude as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and other eastern cities, yet because of the warm Japan current that fringes British Columbia's coast, Victoria enjoys the year round a climate unsurpassed in the Dominion. The mean temperature in winter is 42 degrees and in summer 61. Coupled with this is an average yearly rainfall of only 27.45 inches, less than half the average precipitation on the adjacent mainland.

With this salubrious climate outdoor sports are possible the entire year, five or six golf courses being available in and around the city. For the motorist, not only Victoria but the entire Vancouver Island provides drives of varying lengths into a territory that has been named a "Thousand Miles of Wonderland." Greatest of all these is the famous Malahat Mountain drive running north from Victoria and rising to more than 1,250 feet above the sea level, affording a view of sea and mountain unexcelled.

In and around Victoria are sufficient tourist attractions to keep the newcomer busy for many days. These include the Butchart sunken garden, transformed within the last decade into a veritable fairyland of flowers, shrubs, lawns, roses, waterfalls and lake; the astrophysical observatory with the second largest telescope in the world, and 1,600

acres of beautiful parks featuring Beacon Hill Park virtually in the heart of the city.

In the summer more than a hundred shady beaches and romantic little bays dotted along seventy miles of water frontage lure the holiday-maker. Some face the Straits of Juan de Fuca and open to the sweep of the Pacific Ocean tides, while others are almost landlocked, with clear, untroubled waters.

Travelling to Victoria from the mainland is one of the joys of a holiday spent in the capital city. An 82-mile trip through hilly, wooded, sheltered waters past overgrown islands, brings the traveler from Vancouver. Frequent service on palatial steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway is afforded to Victoria from Vancouver and Seattle direct, while a further steamer to Nanaimo affords an optional route. Rail connection is made between Nanaimo and Victoria.

As a further development of Victoria as a winter resort, the Crystal Gardens, an elaborate amusement center, is being erected near the Empress Hotel. It will be opened for Victoria Day Celebration next May, a steel and concrete structure with 36,000 square feet of flat roof surface. The central feature of the Crystal Gardens will be a large salt water swimming pool, the largest on the Pacific Coast.

Nearby the Empress Hotel, overlooks the inner harbor. Located in spacious grounds, beautiful alike in winter and summer with roses, shrubs and other shrubs and flowers. This deservedly popular beauty spot has been the temporary home for thousands of visitors.

To the tourist from the inland cities especially, Victoria affords a splendid opportunity to view the ever-interesting scene of an ocean port. Practically all in-bound and out-bound Pacific liners make Victoria a port of call on their way to Vancouver and Seattle. In this way, the visitor is brought closely in touch with the movements of shipping to and from Australia and the Orient.

Christmas in Many Lands.

The first Christmas feature of the season is to take place Friday Dec 19 at 8 p.m. in Ducholke's hall, presented by the children of the Methodist church entitled Santa's Musical pageant Xmas in Many Lands. It promises to be a night of Xmas cheer and gladness, and an excellent musical program will be carried thru.

Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta.

Application for Beer License.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for a license to sell beer by the glass, or open bottle, for consumption on the premises, in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Act of Alberta and the Regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following premises—Lots 1, 2, 3, 38, 39, 40, Block 6, Townsite of Spruce Grove; the bar to be situated on Lot 1 of the premises.

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The estate of Sir Alfred A. Sutherland, former chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway, who died August 22 last, has been probated at £40,000.

The executive council of the British Empire Exhibition unanimously approved of the decision to continue the exhibition in 1925.

Two air force officers were sentenced to death and shot for remaining inactive during the Communist outbreak at Royal, Estonia.

Anton Pritzer, creator of the sailless wind-puppet "Edgar" ship, is being flooded with invitations to visit neighboring countries and explain his invention.

Creation of a trust fund of approximately \$400,000 for certain charitable and educational purposes has been announced at Charlotte, N.C., by James B. Duke, millionaire power magnate.

James Byrne, a negro laborer, who added to his earnings through his ability as a banjo player, was injured when his right hand was caught in the door of a Toronto street car and a jury awarded him \$5,000 damages.

A parchment room in excellent condition in an old Tudor house at Barnard Castle, Durham, has proved, on examination by antiquaries, to have been inscribed in the reign of Edward I.

Lack of an adequate aircraft industry is a matter of grave concern to the United States Government, in the judgment of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as presented in its annual report to Congress by President Coolidge.

Reports from the present Franco-German commercial negotiations portend an attempt to form a vast European steel trust, including France, Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg and possibly Poland and Czechoslovakia.

In Korea, the sexes are rigidly separated even within the family circle. Before the Japanese came, and the new era began, a lady of rank in Korea was more carefully guarded than even a Mohammedan woman of similar social position.

Western Horses Win At Ottawa For the first time in the history of the Ottawa horse show and winter fair, western entries were received. Leslie and Davidson, of Wetmore, Sask., won the Booth cup for the best six-horse team in the show.



W. N. U. 1555

Fears Revolt of Red Army

Soviets Now Trying to Force Assistance From French Government

The immediate fear of the Soviet leaders is that the Red army will revolt if not paid and fed. The last thing they worry about is buying food for the 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 in the Volga and Caucasus now facing famine.

An attempt to force Great Britain into giving Russia a loan by intensifying the revolutionary propaganda in India and Egypt and Mesopotamia was thwarted by the English elections. The Soviet relations with Turkey are a fiasco. The only other country rich enough to give the Soviet credits is France.

From the Constantinople area, the communist internationalism sent Vladimir Kolomoietz, skilled propaganda director, and 100 ordinary soldiers to France and the French colonies. The "offensive" against the French Government is the last card in the Soviet hand, and if it fails Russia may fall into chaos before midwinter.

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For sale at all druggists and dealers.

Arrival Of Bachelor Boat

Composed 50 Per Cent. of First-class Passengers on Empress of Russia

Big ships have been common on both the Atlantic and Pacific, but seldom does a bachelor boat come to port. This distinction was accorded the Empress of Russia when she crossed the Pacific this trip, as in her first-class passenger list more than 50 per cent of names were those of eligible bachelors, from a handsome Dutch lad of 18 years who stood 7 feet 3 inches, to a dapper little Filipino.

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South Africa Receives
Wireless From Britain

First Ever Sent and Has Created Great Interest

The successful transmission of the first wireless message ever sent from Great Britain to South Africa, was accomplished Dec. 9 when Sir Edgar Walton, the South African high commissioner in London, got into touch by wireless with Premier Hertzog at Milnerton. It has created great interest throughout the Dominion.

It is claimed that with the use of reflectors the strength and efficiency of the wireless signals could be increased a hundred fold and the automatic reception of high speed messages be assured.

Antelope Increasing

Within the radius of 40 miles of Taber, Alta., it is estimated that 1,000 antelopes are now collected and they are reported to be eating the farmers' green feed, reserved for their cattle. The antelope was near extinction at one time, but under protective measures is coming back. Antelopes are also to be found in the Brooks district.

Mexico claims the world's largest tree, a huge cypress at Tule, in the state of Oaxaca. This tree measures 154 feet in circumference. The California big trees grow higher, however.

Minard's Liniment Used by Physicians

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 21

CHRISTMAS LESSON—GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

Golden Text: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16.

Lesson: John 1:1-18; 3:16-21.
Devotional Reading: John 1:1-9.

The Text Explained and Illumined
The First of the Incarnation, 1:1, is the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, that the Fourth Gospel begins. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, and He was full of grace and truth. The Word was a familiar and significant term both in Jewish and Gentile thought. It meant the eternal God in relation to man, the self-communicating God. John uses the term to designate Jesus Christ as expressing and revealing God to the world.

The homage that we render thee is still our Father's due.
Now let us claim our right.
Divide the Cross and Throne."

As your word is your altar, no Christ is God uttered. Christ is not a word, you observe, but the Word. Every thought was a word of God. Galileo was God's word to science. Luther was God's word to religion. But Christ was the Word—the full and complete thought of God uttered once and for all, expressing the very soul of God with such entire precision and finality, that of him it may be said: The Word was with God and the Word was God. (J. W. Dawson). There are countless words of God in the knowledge and conviction of us all which are as yet no more than words. These are waiting for their incarnation in our character and influence, to do good work and service of man and God. The words of our hands are God's word fulfilled in us. We who can work are born that certain great truths may be lived, that certain great things may be done that the world may see that the hands find to do. In this living fashion speak out what is in you. So shall thou also be a Word of God incarnate, an expression of His mind in living flesh. (Kelman).

And the Word dwelt among us. The Greek word translated dwelt is tabernacled. As in Old Testament times the tabernacle was the dwelling-place of God, so in New Testament times the body of Christ was His tabernacle.

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Britain Hoping France Will Pay

Negotiations With United States Has Aroused Interest in Financial Circle

The report that France has begun negotiations for funding her debt to the United States has aroused considerable stir in financial and political quarters in London, and is attracting notice in the press.

Most of the comments thus far reveal an expectation that, if France are prepared to pay the United States, they will also arrange to pay Great Britain.

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

What is believed to be the skeleton of King Richard III. has been unearthed in Leicestershire and presented to the museum. The King was killed there in 1485 in the battle of Bosworth.

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"Saskatchewan: Her Infinite Variety" does credit to the club, and is just the sort of book one wants to buy in bunches.

Will Await Federal Action

Alberta Farm Loan Act is Stayed Pending Move at Ottawa

The Alberta Farm Loan Act will continue inoperative, pending the action of the Dominion Government in regard to a general rural credits scheme for the whole of Canada. This is, as stated by Hon. R. G. Reid, provincial treasurer, in view of the discussion of rural credits at the recent tax conference in Ottawa. A federal act is likely to be introduced in the Dominion Parliament at the coming session.

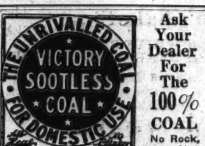
Policeman—What do you think caused his death? Wife—He was an absent-minded man, perhaps he forgot to breathe.

Hic! "Darling, I have a question I've waited to ask you for weeks." She—"Go ahead—I've had an answer ready for months."

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia

Constantinople Invaded My Mice

Workings of the Turkish Government are being held up by an army of mice that is infesting the government buildings. Important legislative measures are being laid aside while ways and means are devised to get rid of the rodents. Other parts of Constantinople also are suffering from an invasion of mice.



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Stony Plain and District.

The wedding took place yesterday of Miss Margery E. Burger to Carl S. Clausen, at the Burger farmstead, Holborn. Rev. W. J. Wilson officiated. After the ceremony the happy couple left on a short trip in the East.

The funeral took place on Wednesday last, of George Edward Liebert. 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Liebert of Ingo. The service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Wilson, and the remains were laid at rest in Ingo Cemetery.

The Police have made an investigation into the cause of the sudden deaths of three horses the property of a former farmer of Holborn district. Poisoning was suspected, and the stomach of one animal has been forwarded to the Provincial Analyst for a report.

The entertainment at Rosenthal school Tuesday promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Charming decorated program invitations have been sent out, which contain a large variety of interesting items.

The dance at Tomahawk schoolhouse Friday last attracted a large crowd.

Glory Hills school pupils held their Christmas entertainment Tuesday next, Dec. 23rd.

A very enjoyable dance was held at the Sand Hills schoolhouse Friday night last. Another dance will be held at Graminia school tomorrow night, and one at Leasow Dec. 26.

The annual entertainment at Blueberry School takes place tomorrow (Friday) evening; to be followed by a dance.

Owing to sickness, the proposed entertainment at Warden school has been postponed to the evening of the 23rd.

Boy Scouts and Little Men and Women Book at the Drug Store.

Mr. Kittle, the well-known journalist and dietician, is at present engaged in an interesting experiment in his laboratory at Pickleville, the idea being the invention of a concentrated food whereby the human would require sustenance once a week only. He claims he has had great success with the subjects on whom he has so far experimented with.

Burgess' bedtime stories at Drug Store.

TENDERS TO PURCHASE DEBENTURES.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned, up till SIX P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1924, for the purchase of \$1000 Ten-Year Debentures of the Town of Stony Plain, and also for the purchase of \$200 Fifteen-Year Debentures of the Town of Stony Plain. Said debentures bear interest at SEVEN PER CENT per annum, payable at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Stony Plain, in equal payments of principal and interest each year.

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TOWN OF STONY PLAIN.
P. W. LUNDY,
Secretary Treasurer.

Calendar.

December

- 19—Entertainment at Stony Plain school.
- 19—Concert and dance, Blueberry School.
- 19—Musical Pageant, Ducholke Hall.
- 19—Dance at Graminia School.
- 22—School Entertainment at Comex.
- 23—Xmas entertainment at Spruce Grove School.
- 23—Xmas entertainment at the Warden School.
- 23—Glory Hills School pupils entertainment.
- 23—Rosenthal School's annual entertainment.

Stony Plain and District

Mr and Mrs Rentlen Larson and Miss Orvina Brennev left yesterday for New Rockfort, N.D.

Dinner forget the splendid entertainment in Ducholke's Hall tomorrow night by the children of Methodist church.

John Singer last week sold the following cattle: 15 head 3 to 4 year old steers at \$55, 14 3 to 4 year old heifers at \$45, 10 suckling calves at \$10 apiece.

Mr Jos Kulak, the well-known farmer, was married on Sunday last to Miss Hilda Judz, a popular young lady of Brightbank district. The ceremony was performed at St Matthew's Church by the Rev. Emil Eberhardt.

Owing to the condition of the trail on Sunday, Spruce Grove's hockey team did not go to Duffield, but will probably make the trip on Sunday next.

Now is the time to make out the affidavit on the lack of your big game license and have it returned to the Game Commissioner.

Books for children and adults at Drug Store. Prices 10c to \$1.50.

The Market Report

WHEAT.	
No. 1 Northern	1.52
No. 2	1.49
No. 3	1.44
No. 4	1.37
OATS.	
2 C. W.	39.39
3 C. W.	37.37
Extra 1 Feed	40.40
No. 1 Feed	43.43
No. 2 Feed	39.39
BARLEY.	
No. 3	68.68
No. 4	66.66
Feed	60.60
Rejected	55.55
RYE.	
No. 2	87.87

Railway Time Table.

Grand Trunk Railway.
Going east, 2.40 p.m.—Monday, Wed., Friday.
5.43 a.m., every morning, stops on flag only.
Going west, 1.30 p.m.—Prince Rupert Express, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
2.17 a.m., every day, Vancouver Express, stops on flag only.

LOST—Parabred Scotch Collie Dog, aged 18 months, tan and white, belted tail. Notify Dr R A Walton, Stony Plain.

FOR SALE—Parabred Jersey Bull, with papers, 3 Strathmore, phone R363.

LOST—Brown Chesapeake Retriever, 18 months old, answers name of "Ted." Notify R R Wood, Stony Plain.

LOST—2 head black cows, Aberdeen Angus, curly, 1 branded D-11, 1 branded JF bar below left hip—S B Broadman, box 136, Stony Plain P.O.

FOUND—Pair of spectacles, near Town Hall. Inquire San Office.

Here and There

Agricultural products harvested in British Columbia during 1923 were nearly 44,000,000 in excess of the 1922 total, according to the annual report of the provincial department of agriculture. Total production for 1923 was \$69,150,703.

The ninth winter carnival at Banff, Alta., will be held from February 7 to 14, 1925. The carnival will run concurrently from February 9 to 14. Revelstoke has fixed its carnival dates for February 8, 4 and 5, 1925.

Tourists to the number of 100,000 are estimated to have entered the Province of Nova Scotia during the past season. These people have left approximately \$7,600,000 in the province, an increase of 25 per cent. over the previous year. The number of motor cars entering the province during the tourist season exceeded 11,000.

Canada Book Week was held from December 1 to 6 this year. Addresses, radio broadcasting and special displays in stores throughout the country drew attention to the objects of the week, which are to promote the reading of good books generally and to foster Canadian literature. The week was, as usual, a distinct success.

The foolhardy recklessness of certain motorists was recently strikingly illustrated at a public crossing on the Canadian Pacific Railway line at Blind River, Ontario, when a speeding auto approached the crossing so rapidly that the driver was unable to pull up, and ran his car into the side of a train which was passing at the time. Fortunately, no one was injured.

In recognition of its excellent exhibits at the 1924 exhibition at Toronto, the Canadian Pacific Railway has been awarded one of the medals specially struck off for presentation to the Dominion and Provincial governments, and to a limited number of other exhibitors whose high class entries in the live stock and agricultural departments won them championship prizes.

The plans for the construction of an immense amusement centre, at Victoria, B.C., to be called the Crystal Gardens, have just been announced by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is responsible for the scheme. The gardens will include a salt water swimming pool 160 feet long, and a series of dancing floors, with tea rooms and gymnasiums. Great quantities of plants, vines and shrubs will be grown in the structure, which is on the lines of a vast conservatory, containing 25,000 square feet of glazed glass roof surface.

A considerable increase in the sheep population of Canada, which has declined since 1920 from 2,255,030 to 1,575,000, is expected as a result of the recent importation by Alberta ranchers of 400 Rambouillet rams. These animals are merinos, with fine wool, bred in France from Spanish merino stock. Louis XVI obtained the first flock as a gift from the King of Spain. A harem of 20,000 western range ewes will be provided for the Alberta purchase. The enterprise is important, on account of the prevailing wool shortage of wool.

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